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## COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 12-4-2020

Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services, provided updates on Nevada's ongoing COVID-19 response, testing and reporting during a teleconference with members of the media.

This bulletin provides facts, figures, and informational items from the call. As a reminder, data is provided in a dashboard on the home page of the <a href="Nevada Health Response">Nevada Health Response</a> website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

## **SUMMARY:**

- As of today, Nevada has logged 162,434 cases, an increase of 2,902 new cases since yesterday.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.5%, or 2,302 new cases per day.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,696,894 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 18.4%.
- There are currently 1,678 COVID-19 hospitalizations (1,550 confirmed; 128 suspected)

- Yesterday, Governor Sisolak <u>announced the extension of the Nevada</u>
   <u>National Guard</u>. Title 32 has been extended until March 2021 with the continuation for the 75/ Federal and 25/state and territory share.
- Since the beginning of COVID in the state to today, a total of 36,063 cases have been identified as a result of contact tracing efforts statewide. This now represents 22.2% of the total cases reported to date.
- Surge staffing effort updates are provided on a weekly basis. The following updates reflect the period of Nov. 23-29.
  - Surge staff logged a total of 18,059 calls, up from 17,560 calls in the previous week.
  - Related to the text messaging of close contacts, there were a total of 27,947 text messages sent.
    - Of this, 10,249 were unique outbound communications
    - The peak response rate was of 85% that occurred on Nov.
       23 and 28-29.
- There are now 125,394 downloads of the COVID Trace app, as of last night.
  - A total of 65 cases had the app at the time of their diagnosis and 44 related exposure notifications have been sent as a result of those cases.
- Lastly, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services received official notice from the Department of Defense and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on the <u>state's December</u> COVID-19 vaccine allocation.